

Intimations.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1897.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited,'
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hong Kong Agency,'
M. LAOZEE,
pro Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd., Hongkong,'
CHAMBERLAIN INCHBALD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., NAO, NABEKI,'
Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 26, 1896. 2618

INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1897.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.,
L. KENNARD DAVIS,
Acting Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.,
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.,
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
W. M. MAORBEAN,
Manager.

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, December 28, 1896. 2627

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

ENGLISH-MADE JEWELLERY—from J. W. BENSON of Ludgate Hill and Bond Street.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS—for all ages.

HANDSOMELY BOUND GIFT BOOKS.

BOOKS OF WATER COLOURS and MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.

WRITING CASES, CARD CASES, POCKET BOOKS, &c.

CHOICE MANILA CIGARS.

ENGRAVINGS, by FAMOUS ARTISTS.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S CARDS—a Splendid Collection.

ART CALENDARS.

LETTERS AND OTHER DIARIES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.
Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2578

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THE Undersigned has For Sale

SEWING MACHINES
(Singer System, Hand and Treadle).

These Machines work beautifully, smooth and noiseless.

PRICES Range from \$16 to \$23.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Dundell Street,
Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2580

AMERICAN SYSTEM
of
DENTISTRY.

62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
CHADWICK KEW.

(Late of Paris and New York.)
Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2586

SUITABLE
XMAS and NEW YEAR
PRESENTS.

JUST ARRIVED.

AN Immense Assortment of the BEST
ENGLISH and FRENCH
GENERAL JEWELLERY.

WATCHES and
FANCY GOODS.
PRICES MODERATE.

LEVY HERMANOS.
Hongkong, December 11, 1896. 2511

FOR SALE.

A First-Class STEAM LAUNCH named
"HUI HING,"
Length 73 feet, Breadth 13 feet.
For Particulars, apply to
LUN SHING & Co.,
Corner of Lee Yuen Street West,
Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2551

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS.

KUHN & KOMOR,
21 & 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong;
35, Water Street, Yokohama; and
38, Division Street, Kobe.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

S. K. N. TING,
Successor,
No. 10, D'ARVILLE STREET.
TERMS VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, April 8, 1895.

To-day's Advertisements.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP OLYMPIA.

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ AND MOBI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be loaded and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2634

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co's Steamer
Pomona,
Captain Robinson, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 1st January, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARIBRAK & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2637

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY
COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed
to the very cheap rates offered by this
Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the
INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED
STATES and CANADA and to RUSSIA.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First class
Table. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, \$350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none
on the American Continent. Magnificent
Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS.
The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
route. Passengers to Europe may proceed
by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL
Lines.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA, \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Pomona... 1,285 (Tuesday) Jan. 5.
Olympia... 1,208 (Tuesday) Jan. 19.
Tacoma... 1,249 (Tuesday) Mar. 2.

THE Steamer PELICAN, Captain
Douglas, sailing at Daylight, on
TUESDAY, the 6th January, 1897, will
proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and
TACOMA (Wash.), via KOBÉ and
YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canada and
United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United
States Ports should be in quadruplicate,
and one copy must be sent forward by the
steamer to the care of The Freight Agent,
Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with
address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the
day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2630

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

MAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

Doric (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) SATURDAY, Jan. 16, at noon.

Belgia (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) THURSDAY, Feb. 4, at noon.

Belgia (via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, and Honolulu) TUESDAY, Feb. 23, at noon.

THE Steamer DORIC will be
despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,
via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ,
YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 16th January,
1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to
break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers' Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all trans-
atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal
cities of the United States of America.
Rates and particulars of the various routes
may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
to European officials, to service of China
and Japan, and to Government officials and
their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco, for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will
be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This
discount does not apply to through fares
from China and Japan to Europe.

At Special Packages should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received at
the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to certain States, should be sent to the
Company's Office, addressed to the Col-
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 1, Prince Street.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent,
Hongkong, December 29, 1896. 2550

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australia Ports.	Tanaka (s).	Batfield & Swire.	Jan. 5, at noon.
Japan.	Yokohama (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Jan. 5, at 9 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Verona (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 1, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Oban (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 31, at 9 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Achilles (s).	Batfield & Swire.	Dec. 31, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Kaiser-i-Hind (s).	Ellis, W. & Co.	About Jan. 17.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Peking (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Jan. 4.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Sunda (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 12.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Borneo (s).	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 31, at 4 p.m.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Yuenan (s).	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	End of December.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Cassini (s).	Batfield & Swire.	January 15.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Polyphos (s).	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	About Jan. 30.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Port Adelaide (s).	Canjowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	William H. Smith.	Arnholt, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York, v. Suez Canal.	Penobscot.	Batfield & Swire.	Quick despatch.
Samara, v. Suez Canal.	Guy (s).	O. & G. S. N. Co.	Jan. 7, at daylight.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Guy of Peking (s).	Doric (s).	Jan. 16, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Matamoros (s).	Meichers & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan.	Sumbawa (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, v. Suez Canal.	Lysemon (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Dec. 31, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, v. Suez Canal.	Kagoshima Maru (s).	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Jan. 5, at noon.
Singapore, Amoy & Tamsui.	Formosa (s).	Douglas Laribrak & Co.	Jan. 1, daylight.
Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui.	Formosa (s).	Douglas Laribrak & Co.	Jan. 5, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), v. Suez Canal.	Falcan (s).	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	Jan. 6, daylight.
Yokohama (s).	Empress of China (s).	Canadian P. & N. Co.	Jan. 20, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobe.	Changsha (s).	Batfield & Swire.	January 6.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 28—

Yokohama, British str., from Canton.

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Chi-Yuen, Chinese str., from Canton.

Kaiser-i-Hind, British steamer, 2,385 tons, from Canton.

Olympia, British steamer, 1,691 G. T. Tons, from Canton.

Formosa, British str., 674 A. Robinson, from Canton.

Tamsui Dec. 24, Amoy 25, and Swatow 25, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Phra Chom Kloo, British steamer, 1,011, from Hongkong.

Silber, German steamer, 752 T. Tons, from Hongkong.

Nanshan, British steamer, 1,344, from Hongkong.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS WILL CLOSE—

FOR SINGAPORE.—

For Amoy, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 30th December.

For Saigon.—

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Thales leaves for Swatow, &c.

Daylight.—Oceana leaves for Hamburg, &c.

Noon.—Achilles leaves for London, &c.

Meeting.

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dismissed his ship and losing his character. Another result was that Mr Farmer was at once charged on the return of the *Hanoi* with this very serious offence. Mr Francis

gery. The defendant stated to a European in Hongkong within a few days after the news of Raymond's imprisonment at Haiphong had come to Hongkong, that it was he who had given information to the French authorities that smuggled opium

The case was adjourned till to-morrow.
A JUROR FINED.

Measor and Mr H. S. Cooke, who had failed to put in an appearance when their names were called for service on the jury, were brought forward to explain their absence.

Mr Measor said he understood the

Mr H. S. Cooke said he had got leave from His Lordship on Friday, 18th December, to go to Canton on business.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.
NATIVE RISING IN BRITISH
BECHUANALAND.
A serious native rising has taken place
in British Bechuanaland. The Cape Vo-
lunteers have been called out.

The Russian Government has ordered that the eight ironclads now building shall be completed with all despatch. It has also ordered the construction of two more powerful battleships, four cruisers and two torpedo-boat destroyers.

[The Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* telegraphed on Monday, Nov. 16:—The enormous projected increase of the Russian Navy is well worthy of note. The

amount was spent for this purpose up to 1906 is 800,000,000 roubles. The two triple-screw steamers *Pallada* and *Duna*, which are being built at the Franco-Russian dockyard at St. Petersburg, and are to be ready shortly, have each 6,630 tons displacement and 11,610 horse-power, and it is expected that their speed will be about twenty-two knots. The cost of each of them, without their armament, is estimated at 2,336,000 roubles. Russia has strong fleets in the Baltic, another in the Black Sea, a third in the Pacific, and will soon have a fourth in the Arctic Ocean, as a port has been discovered on the Murman

land by railway. The chief port in the Black Sea is Nicolaïeff, which has the largest dockyards; but it will soon be outstripped by the new Russian fleet, the latest Fleet in the Black Sea. The fleet, more fleet of transport ships at present, will be rendered very useful in war by the Mediterranean Navy, Fleet, and swift cruisers, formation of the vessels into the Russian Navy is, although, but it has a formidable Russian Navy. Moreover, although the experience of recent writers does not confirm the opinion that it is perfectly ice-free, the great advantage of lying much farther east than the Pacific is at Vladivostok; but the Russians hope soon to have a better station at Lenzburg, or some port still farther south. The enormous value of the ports on the

The Russians have been permitted to use in commerce with French ports in the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean is evident; but the Russian Government has, nevertheless, built warships of great coalling capacity, in order to be absolutely independent.]

(From *Tonkin Exchanges*.)

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.
Paris, December 21.

President Cleveland has declared that he will veto any motion made to extend support by the United States to the insurgents in Cuba. This removes all fear of conflict between Spain and the United States.

The Australian hotelkeeper had tried a close customer with owner's form of appeal known to the trade, such as 'bill to work, 'some pressing claims,' 'satisfy a judgment,' 'anxious to close account, &c., but all in vain. At last he sent it in this simple form:—To account rendered B.C. The debtor had a sense of humour. He wrote, by post post—'Cheque enclosed A.D.'

Hongkong Tides.

The Tide table given below has been compiled by the Nautical Almanac Office for London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1867-6-9.

The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be observed twice a year.

To obtain the depth of water in the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 6 ft. 1 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

30th Dec. to 6th January.

High Water.		Low Water.			
Day.	Hongkong Time.	Height.	Hongkong Time.	Height.	
Wed.	30	5 50	ft. 10	10 57	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	31	5 51	ft. 10	11 02	ft. 1 3
Friday.	1	5 53	ft. 10	11 05	ft. 1 3
Sat.	2	5 55	ft. 10	11 08	ft. 1 3
Sun.	3	5 57	ft. 10	11 10	ft. 1 3
Mon.	4	5 59	ft. 10	11 12	ft. 1 3
Tues.	5	6 01	ft. 10	11 14	ft. 1 3
Wed.	6	6 02	ft. 10	11 15	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	7	6 03	ft. 10	11 16	ft. 1 3
Friday.	8	6 04	ft. 10	11 17	ft. 1 3
Sat.	9	6 05	ft. 10	11 18	ft. 1 3
Sun.	10	6 06	ft. 10	11 19	ft. 1 3
Mon.	11	6 07	ft. 10	11 20	ft. 1 3
Tues.	12	6 08	ft. 10	11 21	ft. 1 3
Wed.	13	6 09	ft. 10	11 22	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	14	6 10	ft. 10	11 23	ft. 1 3
Friday.	15	6 11	ft. 10	11 24	ft. 1 3
Sat.	16	6 12	ft. 10	11 25	ft. 1 3
Sun.	17	6 13	ft. 10	11 26	ft. 1 3
Mon.	18	6 14	ft. 10	11 27	ft. 1 3
Tues.	19	6 15	ft. 10	11 28	ft. 1 3
Wed.	20	6 16	ft. 10	11 29	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	21	6 17	ft. 10	11 30	ft. 1 3
Friday.	22	6 18	ft. 10	11 31	ft. 1 3
Sat.	23	6 19	ft. 10	11 32	ft. 1 3
Sun.	24	6 20	ft. 10	11 33	ft. 1 3
Mon.	25	6 21	ft. 10	11 34	ft. 1 3
Tues.	26	6 22	ft. 10	11 35	ft. 1 3
Wed.	27	6 23	ft. 10	11 36	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	28	6 24	ft. 10	11 37	ft. 1 3
Friday.	29	6 25	ft. 10	11 38	ft. 1 3
Sat.	30	6 26	ft. 10	11 39	ft. 1 3
Sun.	31	6 27	ft. 10	11 40	ft. 1 3
Mon.	1	6 28	ft. 10	11 41	ft. 1 3
Tues.	2	6 29	ft. 10	11 42	ft. 1 3
Wed.	3	6 30	ft. 10	11 43	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	4	6 31	ft. 10	11 44	ft. 1 3
Friday.	5	6 32	ft. 10	11 45	ft. 1 3
Sat.	6	6 33	ft. 10	11 46	ft. 1 3
Sun.	7	6 34	ft. 10	11 47	ft. 1 3
Mon.	8	6 35	ft. 10	11 48	ft. 1 3
Tues.	9	6 36	ft. 10	11 49	ft. 1 3
Wed.	10	6 37	ft. 10	11 50	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	11	6 38	ft. 10	11 51	ft. 1 3
Friday.	12	6 39	ft. 10	11 52	ft. 1 3
Sat.	13	6 40	ft. 10	11 53	ft. 1 3
Sun.	14	6 41	ft. 10	11 54	ft. 1 3
Mon.	15	6 42	ft. 10	11 55	ft. 1 3
Tues.	16	6 43	ft. 10	11 56	ft. 1 3
Wed.	17	6 44	ft. 10	11 57	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	18	6 45	ft. 10	11 58	ft. 1 3
Friday.	19	6 46	ft. 10	11 59	ft. 1 3
Sat.	20	6 47	ft. 10	12 00	ft. 1 3
Sun.	21	6 48	ft. 10	12 01	ft. 1 3
Mon.	22	6 49	ft. 10	12 02	ft. 1 3
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Wed.	24	6 51	ft. 10	12 04	ft. 1 3
Thurs.	25	6 52	ft. 10	12 05	ft. 1 3

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 29, 1882.

OPIMUM—New Faint, cash.... 710
 " Old, cash.... 707½
 " Old, cash.... 698
 " New, cash.... 717½
 " New Malwa, credit, 180
 " Allowance, Teal., 20/86
 " Old Malwa, credit, 790/50
 " Allowance, Teal., 1/33
 " Persian, Oily, cash....
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 " Persian, Paper, cash 650/550
 " Allowance, Teal., 18/2

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